

# The U.S. Embassy's 2012 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest

## DEADLINE: February 1, 2012



The United States Embassy in Nassau, The Bahamas, is pleased to announce our annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Civil Rights Essay Contest. The purpose of this contest is to encourage students to explore the life of Dr. King- and reflect on how civil rights and diversity affect their lives today. All high school students in The Bahamas in **grades 10-12** are invited to participate in this contest.

### Theme:

Dr. King inspired civil rights leaders throughout the United States who made sacrifices that led to social change. Students are asked to select any American civil rights leader who was inspired by Dr. King and write an **original essay of 500 words or less** that articulates his/her contributions to the civil rights movement. Students are also asked to describe what they can do or what they have done in their own community to contribute to a more peaceful and non-violent world. Essays will be judged based on originality, clarity of thought, organization, grammar and spelling.

### Prize:

Two winners (one from New Providence and one from Grand Bahama or the Family Islands) will receive the grand prize – **a new Apple iPad 2** - and their winning essays will be featured nationally. Each participating school will also receive a copy of the History Channel's film "KING", which takes viewers through the extraordinary life and times of America's civil rights visionary.

### Deadline & Submission:

All essays must be submitted electronically as an attachment no later than **February 01, 2012 at 5:00 PM** by email to [MLKessay@state.gov](mailto:MLKessay@state.gov) Entries submitted after the deadline will not be entered into the competition. Only email entries will be considered.

### Rules:

- Essays must be 500 words or less and typed single space
- All essays must be submitted as an email attachment no later than February 1, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.
- Contest entries must be accompanied by an official entry form
- Each page must be numbered and include your name on the top left hand corner of each page
- Only one original essay per person
- Essays may NOT include photographs, images, illustrations, etc.
- Entries that are deemed to infringe upon copyright protected material will be disqualified
- All submitted entries shall become the property of the U.S. Embassy and will not be returned

# Official Entry Form

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**PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE**

### **Student Information:**

FIRST NAME:

LAST NAME:

Grade Level:

Your email address:

### **Parent or Guardian's Information:**

FIRST NAME:

LAST NAME:

Home Address:

City:

Island:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

### **School Information:**

School Name:

Mailing Address:

City:

Island:

Principal's Name:

School Phone Number: